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RE: Japanese Patent Application No. 8-530500
PCT/US96/04703
in the name of LXN Corporation
Your Reference: DDI-028-JAP
Our Ref: F1-97628A70

Dear Mr. Shay:

We have received an Official Action dated August 17, 2004, that sets a 3-month period for response, expiring on November 17, 2004(Japan Time). The period is extendable for 3 months to February 17, 2005, upon application and payment of an official fee (¥2,100).

We are enclosing a copy of an English translation of the Official Action with this facsimile. We are now preparing our Comments. We will send them to you as soon as they are prepared.

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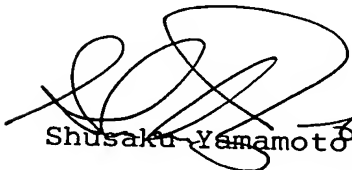
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We are also enclosing two copies of the Official Action together with the English translation thereof with the confirmation of this letter as well as two copies of each reference cited in the Official Action. If you need an English translation of any of the references, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,



Shusaku Yamamoto

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